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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: DATA INPUT FORM RETRIEVING SYSTEM, DATA INPUT FORM RETRIEVING METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the June 3, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application.

The Office Action Summary does not acknowledge either the claim for priority of Japanese Patent Application 2000-119687 having a priority date of April 20, 2000 or receipt of the certified copy of the priority document filed on July 2, 2001. A copy of the USPTO date-stamped receipt is attached showing that the priority document was duly submitted. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is requested to acknowledge the claim for priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document, and indicate that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119 have been satisfied.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 5,815,704 to Shimotsuji *et al.* (hereinafter "Shimotsuji") in view of U.S. Patent 5,963,952 to Smith. This rejection is respectfully traversed.